



BUILDING/STRUCTURE DEMOLITION PERMITS

A Demolition Permit is required for the removal of an entire building or structure.

Permit Issuance

For building demolition permits, three sets of the plans including the following information shall be submitted to the Building Division:

- Site plan showing the location of the building/structure to be demolished
- Tree protection plan (as required by the Planning Division)
- Utility release from PG&E (they can be contacted at 800-743-5000)
- Approval from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (they can be contacted at (415) 749-4762)

Approval from the Planning Division and/or Fire Prevention Division may be required prior to issuance of a demolition permit. These divisions can be contacted at the One-Stop Permit Center, City Hall, 456 W. Olive Avenue or at (408) 730-7444.

Inspections

One final inspection is typically required after all the demolition work is complete.

On-Site Debris Boxes and Disposal of Material

Mixed debris of any type must be disposed of in containers provided and serviced by the City's franchised hauler, Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling (unless removed and transported by the contracted company providing the demolition/construction service, utilizing that company's own vehicles, containers and equipment). (Sunnyvale Municipal Code 8.16)

Recyclable material that is separated from mixed debris on the job site may be hauled by an independent recycling company holding a current Sunnyvale Business License, provided the conditions below are met:

1. The recyclable material is separated on-site from non-recyclable material
2. On-site containers for mixed debris disposal are provided for all non-recycled material
3. The material is actually recycled or re-used, and is not used for 'alternative daily cover' at any landfill

To order a container for mixed debris, call Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling at (408) 565-9900. For additional information regarding collection and disposal requirements, please contact the Solid Waste Division of Public Works at (408) 730-7469.

Deconstruction and Salvaging Building Materials

Prior to or in place of demolition, consider deconstruction (i.e. building dismantling) and/or salvage of reusable building materials to minimize the amount of demolition materials disposed of as well as the associated disposal fees. Fixtures, doors, lumber, bricks, mechanical units, and a variety of other materials may be removed for reuse.

Some local deconstruction and salvage service companies are listed on Sunnyvale's *Deconstruction and Salvaging Materials in Existing Buildings* flyer* available at the One-Stop Permit Center, at www.SunnyvaleBuilding.com under "Green Building", or you may contact the Sunnyvale Commercial Recycling Program at (408) 730-7484 to receive a copy.

Recycling Demolition and Construction Materials

Recyclable materials can be separated from mixed debris/refuse and collected by independent recycling companies holding a current Sunnyvale Business License (see requirements under "On-Site Debris Boxes and Disposal of Material"). Recyclable materials may include wood, asphalt, concrete, brick, drywall, landscaping debris and metal. For a list of recycling service providers for recyclable materials, use the *Builder's Reuse and Recycling Guide** available at One-Stop or online at www.sunnyvalerecycles.org (click on "Recycling Resources", then "Construction & Demolition Debris"). You may also contact the Sunnyvale Commercial Recycling Program at (408) 730-7484 for additional information.

*Provided for informational purposes only, inclusion of any company name does not constitute an endorsement by the City of Sunnyvale.

If you have any questions, please call the City of Sunnyvale Building Division at (408) 730-7444. Information is also available on the Building Division web site at: www.sunnyvalebuilding.com.